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Descriptive Summary

Title: Ginny Knuth papers

Dates: circa 1930s-2006

Collection Number: 1999-46

Creator/Collector: Knuth, Ginny

Extent: 3 linear feet (3 oversized boxes)

Repository: GLBT Historical Society

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Abstract: Ginny Knuth (1934-1997) was a cisgender woman who volunteered extensively with San Francisco transgender organizations from 1983 until her death. The collection includes photographs, an oral history, a small amount of biographical information, and a large number of awards and plaques.

Language of Material: English

Access

Collection is open for research.

Publication Rights

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Preferred Citation

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Acquisition Information

The audiovisual material was donated to the GLBT Historical Society in 1999 by Jamie Faye Fenton. Other material was donated by unknown parties.

Biography/Administrative History

Ginny Knuth (1934-1997) was a cisgender woman who volunteered extensively with San Francisco transgender organizations from 1983 until her death. She first became involved with Educational TV Channel (ETVC) – which later became TransGender SF – and later with the Significant-Others Support Group and the International Foundation for Gender Education (IFGE). Knuth was married to Don Aviani, who identified when they met as a straight man who crossdressed, and who was known in the San Francisco transgender community as Nancy Ann Martine. The couple were very active members of ETVC; Knuth arranged social events ranging from a baby shower, to poker nights, to a game-show party in which guests parodied the Newlywed Game. She helped to organize the ETVC library, answered its hotline, managed its office, handled the door at its meetings, wrote a column in its newsletter ("Ginny's Tales from the Other Side"), and was known for her support of both people on the transfeminine spectrum and their partners.

Scope and Content of Collection

The Ginny Kunth papers include a videotaped interview and an oral history taken by Jamie Faye Fenton; numerous awards and plaques for Knuth and Martine from various organizations, including ETVC, IFGE, and the Imperial Court of San Francisco; a biographical sketch and obituary of Knuth; and photographs, including a number of images of a person having makeup applied, Halloween and Christmas snapshots, other photographs presumably of Knuth and Martine, and Knuth's childhood photo album (circa late 1930s-1950s). GSSO Linked Terms: http://purl.obolibrary.org/obo/GSSO_000130

Indexing Terms

Transgender people

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